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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 394

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A RESOLUTION to honor Kathryn Dee Thomas, 1999
Valedictorian of Friendship Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Thomas is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class at Friendship Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Kathryn has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn has been at the top of her class throughout her four years of high school, maintaining an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, during her first three years of high school, she was the deserving recipient of the TSSAA Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas has been extremely active in many extracurricular activities during her high school years, having served as Vice-President of the Key Club, as a valued

member of the Spanish Club, as Vice-President of the Student Council, as Class President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the National Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Commander Prayer Club; and

WHEREAS, during her senior year, Kathryn attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., where she spent six days learning about our country's government and how to become an effective leader in school, the community, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, showing her school spirit, Kathryn has been an active participant on the tennis team, where she was chosen Most Valuable Player, and the basketball team, where she currently serves as co-captain; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn has been a member of the Honor Chorus and performed with the State Chorus at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member of the Maple Hill Church of Christ, where she is extremely involved in the Youth Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Maple Hill Church of Christ, Kathryn participated in a Pennsylvania mission trip, during which she was in the Vacation Bible School, and visited nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, she also attended a Honduras TORCH Mission Trip in the summer of 1998, contributing her time and talents to constructing homes, distributing Bibles, food, and articles of clothing for the needy. While in Honduras, she visited orphanages, a women's prison, a high school, a school for the blind and a children's hospital; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn's love for acting has led to her participation in several school plays, including *Brigadoon*, *Carousel*, *West Side Story* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself among her classmates by being listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a young woman possessing the combination of extraordinary academic skills and an exceptional personality, Kathryn was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her fellow classmates; and

WHEREAS, she was deservedly chosen as the Student of the Month, the Basketball Homecoming Queen and the recipient of the True Christian Award; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn's noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for her parents, Reed and Tricia Thomas, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1999 Friendship Christian School Valedictorian, Kathryn Dee Thomas, on her impressive academic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.